

2006 Federal Holidays

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for Federal employees. Please note that most Federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday -- Saturday or Sunday -- the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

Monday, January 2*	New Year's Day
Monday, January 16	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, February 20**	Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 4	Labor Day
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day
Friday, November 10***	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving Day
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day

** January 1, 2006, (the legal public holiday for New Years Day) falls on a Sunday. For most Federal employees, Monday January 2, will be treated as a holiday for pay and leave purposes. (See Executive Order 11582 of February 11, 1971.)*

*** This holiday is designated as "Washington's Birthday" in section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, which is the law that specifies holidays for Federal employees. Though other institutions such as state and local governments and private businesses may use other names, it is our policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law.*

**** November 11, 2006, (the legal public holiday for Veteran's Day) falls on a Saturday. For most Federal employees, Friday November 10, will be treated as a holiday for pay and leave purposes (See 5 U.S.C. 6103(b).)*
